

Town of Nolensville
Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
Date: June 4, 2009, Time 7:00 p.m.
Nolensville Elementary School

Mayor Beth Lothers opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor Beth Lothers, Aldermen Jimmy Alexander, Tommy Dugger, Larry Felts, and Ken Thomas. Staff present: Counsel Robert Notestine, Town Planner Henry Laird, Engineer Don Swartz, and Recorder Cindy Lancaster. There were 34 citizens present.

Pastor Roland Scruggs with Ebenezer Methodist Church led the Prayer and Pledge.

Citizens Input:

Mr. Brian Snyder, 3153 Locust Hollow, noted that citizens in support of the Town Hall location have a petition that can be signed on the internet. Currently there are 139 signatures and 27 emails in support.

Alderman Dugger made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 7, 2009, Alderman Alexander seconded. Alderman Dugger made a motion to amend the minutes by adding, "Alderman Dugger sponsored a resolution proposing an alternate Town Hall site. Alderman Dugger suggested constructing a smaller building." Alderman Felts seconded and the amendment was approved unanimously. The minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

Mayor Lothers made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on May 22, 2009, Alderman Dugger seconded. Alderman Felts stated that due to not attending that meeting he would recuse himself from the vote. The minutes were approved by majority, with all in favor and Alderman Felts recused.

Alderman Dugger made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for April 2009, Alderman Thomas seconded, and the report was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Commission Chair Rick Owens reported for the Planning Commission.

- Dr. Harr's revised Site Plan was postponed
- Zoning Ordinance amendment in regards to Day Care Centers was approved unanimously
- Subdivision Regulations revision passed unanimously
- Bond report was unanimously approved, with a reduction in Bent Creek Subdivision bond

Historic Commission member Bob Crigger reported for the Historic Commission.

- Marie's New and Used Treasurers sign was approved on May 28

Fire Chief Presley Hughes reported for the Nolensville Volunteer Fire Department.

- Four new member applications have been submitted to Department
- Mr. Dale Lott addressed the Board in regards to the budget. He stated that the Fire Departments allocation was reduced. He asked for the Boards consideration due to the department providing a service by contract.

Mayor Lothers noted that every Department within the Town was asked to reduce their budget request.

Mayor Lothers requested that the Board, by acclamation, suspend the rules to address item “A” on the Agenda under Mayor’s Report. She noted that honorary members needed to leave early. The Board agreed by acclamation.

Mayor’s Report:

a. Special Presentation to the Bennett’s

Mayor Lothers noted that Public Works employee, John Strasser, is very artistically gifted and has done numerous renderings involving Historic Nolensville. Alderman Dugger stated that prior to and during the Incorporation of Nolensville; the Bennett’s generously opened their home for numerous meetings. He added that words cannot express the gratitude of their generosity. Reverend and Mrs. Bennett were presented with an original painting by Artist John Strasser, of their “Home Place Bed and Breakfast” located at 7181 Nolensville Road.

Mrs. Bennett thanked Mr. Strasser for the wonderful painting. Reverend Bennett thanked everyone, adding adjacent to their home “Hyde Park”, in honor of Mrs. Evelyn Hyde Bennett, is being created.

Engineer Don Swartz reported for the Engineering Department

- Signalization at Nolensville and Rocky Fork Roads is moving forward
- Right of way easements are currently being obtained for this intersection

Police Chief Paul Rigsby reported for the Police Department.

- A recent tragic wreck resulted in a fatality, Nolensville has had two traffic fatalities in past two months
- Officers completed fire arms training with hand guns, shot gun training will be held next week
- A free Women’s Rape Defense Class will be held on June 13, from 9:00 to 12:00 at the former Nolensville Elementary School for women 16 years of age and up

Chair Suzie Lindsey reported for the Town Events Committee

- Banner was installed announcing the 4th of July Celebration
- Sponsorship from over 25 Businesses, Churches and Volunteers
- Pyro-Shows will be performing the fire works show
- Three years ago there were three volunteers, this year there are over 100

Mayor’s Report:

b. Other

Mayor Lothers attended a Public Safety Task Force meeting held by County Mayor Anderson.

Mayor Lothers noted that the Senate had passed the bill to release funding in regards to the Sewer Project and an interlocal agreement with Metro will be forthcoming.

Public hearing of ordinance #09-08, an ordinance to annex certain territory east of current corporate boundaries to Kidd Road behind Haley Industrial opened at 7:52. With no public comment the hearing closed at 7:52.

Second reading of ordinance #09-05, an ordinance to adopt a Budget for fiscal year 2009-2010, Alderman Felts made a motion to approve this ordinance, Mayor Lothers seconded.

Alderman Felts had concerns that a property tax increase is being implemented and the Fire, Police and Public Works funding is being decreased. He noted that it concerned him that a Police Officer's salary was being omitted and the Officer was not sure he would be deployed for active duty.

Mayor Lothers stated that the line item includes his salary until his anticipated departure. She reiterated that a COPS Grant had been applied for and if this does not go through she would sponsor a budget amendment.

Alderman Thomas stated that there were \$224,000 request submitted that did not get included in the budget.

Alderman Dugger stated that the Budget Committee felt the tax increase was needed to stop the "bleeding". He noted that the Town has had to dip into savings this past year and some employee positions were not replaced after leaving for other employment. Mrs. Carla Ediger, Budget Committee member, added that in the memo sent initially to various Departments an appeal was made that a 15% reduction be obtained in their budget request. Alderman Dugger added that reductions were made in the Engineering Department-11%, Police Department-16%, Codes Department-41%, and Planning Department-2% and staff has been asked to go without a raise this year. Mayor Lothers stated that in the budget although revenue was down there was a savings of 1.83% in expenditures.

The vote was taken and Mayor Lothers, Aldermen Alexander, Dugger, and Thomas voted in favor of the budget ordinance, Alderman Felts voted against. Ordinance 09-05 passed by majority.

Second reading of ordinance #09-06, an ordinance to amend Title 19, of the Municipal Code of the Town of Nolensville to add Chapter 2, granting franchise to Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated, Alderman Dugger made a motion for approval, Alderman Alexander seconded. This ordinance passed unanimously.

Second reading of ordinance #09-07, an ordinance establishing procedures for public inspection of, access to and duplication of public records under the Tennessee public records act, Mayor Lothers made a motion to approve this ordinance, Alderman Thomas seconded and this was approved unanimously.

Alderman Felts made a motion to approve ordinance #09-09 on first reading, an ordinance to amend Title 15, Chapter 3, of the Municipal Code of the Town of Nolensville pertaining to speed limits, Alderman Thomas seconded. This ordinance was approved unanimously.

Alderman Dugger made a motion to approve on first reading ordinance #09-10, an ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance #04-09, as it pertains to Day Cares, Alderman Felts seconded, and this passed unanimously.

Other:

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Cindy Lancaster
Town Recorder

Beth Lothers
Mayor